

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Further, all claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from Felthaus et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,420,786 ("Felthaus") in view of Steven Berne, Supply Chain Savvy, Food Engineering (August 1, 1999) ("Berne").

Applicant's Reply

Applicant respectfully traverses the indefiniteness and prior art rejections of the claims.

Prior art rejections

Applicant has filed a Notice of Appeal, which was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 5, 2005. Applicants are filing their Appeal Brief on even date with this paper.

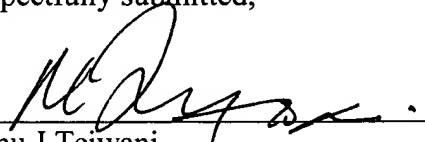
Indefiniteness rejections

Applicant has amended claims 1-11, as kindly suggested by the Examiner, to call out a "computer readable medium" for realizing the functionality of the computer program for estimating sales of specialty products. Applicants request entry of the amendment claims as they place the application in better condition for appeal.

Conclusion

If there are any remaining issues to be resolved, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to kindly contact the undersigned attorney by telephone for quick resolution.

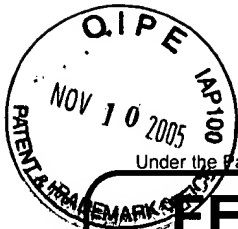
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 500)

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| Filing Date | December 5, 2000 |
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| Art Unit | 3623 |
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| 1002 | 2002 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 2003 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 2004 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 2005 | Provisional filing fee | |
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

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| Multiple Dependent | -3 = | | 0 |

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| 1202 | 2202 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 2201 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 2203 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 2204 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 2205 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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| 1053 | 1053 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 1812 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 1804 | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1805 | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
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| 1252 | 2252 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 2253 | Extension for reply within third month | |
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| 1451 | 1451 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 2452 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 2453 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
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| 1503 | 2503 | Plant issue fee | |
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| 1809 | 2809 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 2810 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 2801 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 1802 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

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